

1	2	3
18.	Begusarai	2
19.	Bhagalpur	2
20.	Pakaur	*
21.	Munghyr	2
22.	Banka	1
23.	Jauri	*
24.	Lakhisarai	*
25.	Sahibganj	1
26.	Dumka	*
27.	Godda	1
28.	B. Deoghar	1
29.	Nalanda	1
30.	Dhanbad	3
31.	Bokaro Steel City	2
32.	Giridih	1
33.	Kodarma	*
34.	Ranchi	5 SFMS Ports, 15 EKB, 6 FT
35.	Lehardaga	1
36.	Gumla	1
37.	Hazaribagh	1
38.	Palamau	1
39.	Garhwa	*
40.	Chapra	2 SFMS Ports, 3 EKB, 2 FT
41.	Chatra	*
42.	East Singhbhum	2
43.	West Singhbhum	*
44.	East Champaran	1 SFMS Ports, EKB, 1 FT
45.	West Champaran	2
46.	Muzaffarpur	2 SFMS Ports, 2 EKB, 5 FT
47.	Samastipur	1
48.	Vaishali	1
49.	Madhubani	1
50.	Darbhanga	*
51.	Siwan	1
52.	Gopalganj	1
53.	Sitamarhi	1

\* Ports shall be provided by the end of 1997-98  
 FT = Formatted Terminal  
 EKB = Electronic.

### Stoppage of Shipra Express

2897. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Shipra Express" stops at several small stations on Beena-Katni section;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the above train does not stop at "Ganjbasauda" railway station of the central railway; and

(c) the time by which the stoppage of train is likely to be provided at "Ganjbasauda" in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. 9305/9306 Indore-Howrah Shipra Express is stopping at Khurai, Saugor and Damoh on Bina-Katni section.

(b) Stoppage of 9305/9306 Indore-Howrah Express at Ganj-Basoda station has been examined but not found commercially justified.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

### Air Links to Bhopal

2898. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which air-bus service is likely to be started linking Bhopal to other cities in India keeping in view its capability of landing the air bus; and

(b) the present air-services catering to the needs of Bhopal and the additional air links likely to be introduced during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) At present, Indian Airlines has no plans to start airbus services to Bhopal.

(b) Alliance Air operates 3 days a week service each on the sectors Delhi-Bhopal-Indore-Mumbai and back and Delhi-Gwalior-Bhopal-Indore-Mumbai and back. Indian Airlines/Alliance Air, however, do not have immediate plans to introduce more services to/from Bhopal during the year 1997-98.

### Promotion of Tea Tourism in Assam

2899. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam with regard to promotion of tea tourism in the State;